

# Waltrip Debate

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Office Hours:

Monday 3:25-4:10

Tues-Fri 1:50-2:35

Controversial issues arise in aspects of personal, social public, and professional life in modern society. Debate and argumentation are widely used to make decisions and reduce conflict. Students who develop skills in argumentation and debate become interested in current issues, develop sound critical thinking, and sharpen communication skills. They acquire life-long skills for intelligently approaching controversial issues.

Waltrip Debate participates with the HISD UIL and the Houston Urban Debate League. Waltrip Debate competes in the following debate formats: Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Policy (CX) Debate, World School's Debate and Congressional Debate.

*The expectation with Waltrip Debate is that you will compete in one or more of these formats at least once each semester. Students who chose not to compete will complete assignments that assist competitors in preparing for tournaments.*

## **What supplies do we need?**

Pen/Pencil

Composition book or spiral

**Class Procedures:** always begin the period in THE HUB. Check for class announcements and then join us in TEAMS ASAP. (attendance will be taken)

## **TEAMS Norms:**

\*mute your mic

\*have camera ON

\*attendance will be taken

\*raise your hand (TEAMS icon) to ask/answer a question

\*limit your movement...excuse yourself as needed...do not interrupt the discussion to ask.

*For this class, we will spend more time meeting/discussing in TEAMS than your other content classes.*

**Class content:**

History of Debate

Preservation of Democracy

Media Bias and Ethical Research

Debate/Argumentation Basics

Extemporaneous Speaking

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Public Forum Debate

World School's Debate

Policy (CX) Debate

Congressional Debate

**Research, Write, Prepare, Compete, Repeat...**